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SUBJ: KEY ISSUES IN THE 29TH UNGA

REF: STATE 184584; GABORONE 1237

AMBASSADOR MET WITH PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE KHAMA SEPT 20 TO FOLLOW UP ON EARLIER REPRESENTATION ON KEY ISSUES IN THE UNGA INCLUDING KHMER CREDENTIALS REPORTED SEPTTEL.

PRESIDENT RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS:

A. SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS: PRESIDENT SAID THAT BOTSWANA IN THE PAST HAD VOTED NOT TO EXCLUDE SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE UNITED NATIONS; IT HAD SUPPORTED RESOLUTIONS FOR CONDEMNATION OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAW NO REASON WHY BOTSWANA SHOULD CHANGE THIS POSITION.

B. PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES: PRESIDENT AGREED FULLY WITH THE U.S. POSITION THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES WERE ENCOURAGING. HE SAID THAT PORTUGAL IS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND ITS ACTIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE LUSAKA MANIFESTO. ITS TASK SHOULD NOT BE COMPLICATED BY UN  
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C. NAMIBIA: PRESIDENT NOTED BOTSWANA'S DIFFICULT GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION VIS-A-VIS SOUTH AFRICA AND SAID ITS POSTURE ON NAMIBIA WOULD DEPEND ON THE CONTENT OF THE UNGA RESOLUTION. HE AGREED WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S OBSERVATION THAT SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO BOTSWANA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

D. RHODESIA: PRESIDENT TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT BOTSWANA HAD JOINED ZAMBIA IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BRITISH ON WAYS AND MEANS OF BRINGING ABOUT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA. HE WAS PLEASED ABOUT THE FORD ADMINISTRATION'S SUPPORT FOR REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT. HE ADDED THAT BOTSWANA HAD RECEIVED AN EXEMPTION FROM UN SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

E. MIDDLE EAST: THE PRESIDENT COMMENDED SECRETARY KISSINGER ON HIS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST; HE ENTIRELY AGREED WITH THE U.S. POSITION THAT POLEMICAL DEBATES IN THE UN SHOULD BE AVOIDED. PRESIDENT SHOWED SPECIAL INTEREST IN PALESTINIAN REFUGEES AND WAS BRIEFED ON UNRA BUDGET SITUATIONS.

F. DISARMAMENT: PRESIDENT NOTED THAT BOTSWANA HAD SIGNED NPT.

G. UN SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED (MSA'S): THE PRESIDENT WAS NOT SURE BOTSWANA WAS INCLUDED AMONG THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED LDC'S; HE ASKED PERMSEC MOOKODI, WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING, TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER. HE SAID THAT BOTSWANA'S OIL SUPPLY SITUATION HAD BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE ARAB OIL BOYCOTT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. IN ADDITION, BOTSWANA HAD BEEN SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE INCREASED COST OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. HE CONCLUDED THAT BOTSWANA SHOULD QUALIFY AS ONE OF THE MSA COUNTRIES.

H. UN BUDGET MATTERS: PRESIDENT AGREED THE UN BUDGET SHOULD BE HELD DOWN AND WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE UNITED STATES INTENDED TO UNDERTAKE AN INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE EVALUATION MECHANISM. REGARDING PROPOSED SALARY INCREASES, PRESIDENT SAID IT WAS SOMETIMES NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO INDUCE HIGH LEVEL EXPERTS TO WORK IN LDC'S. HE SAID THAT THE BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT ITSELF FOLLOWED THIS POLICY.

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